

the Atlantic coast we have had this season in the United States some of the deepest snows and sharpest spells of freezing weather ever recorded for December. Within the last week or two, in West Virginia and Kentucky, they have also had some fierce thunder storms. Putting all these things together, we conclude that this winter to this point has been a remarkably stormy one around the entire circuit of the globe in the northern section, and that worse, perhaps, remains behind.

The Herald's African Expedition—A Good Season in England.

From a special London despatch, which we publish this morning, our readers will perceive that the intelligence of our African expedition in search of Dr. Livingstone has made a sensation and a good impression in England; that Her Majesty's government having refused assistance in behalf of an expedition in search of the long-absent explorer in the wilds of Africa, the Geographical Society at London now appeals to the British people; that the London Telegraph declares that the national honor is at stake in this matter, and that "when we see the private enterprise of foreigners daring and suffering in a cause which is our own we should be put to the blush if Englishmen did not come freely forward to aid in the projected English expedition." It appears, further, that a great effort will be made to start this expedition during the present month.

We hope the movement will be successful, and we think that our explorer's detailed report of the equipment of his caravan and of his journey from the sea coast to Unyamwebe, and the general information in his interesting letter from that point in regard to the journey still before him, will very materially assist our English collaborators in the equipment of their expedition, and will be of the greatest value as a guide to the expedition itself. It may so turn out, too, that this English expedition, if rapidly pushed forward, will get into the heart of Africa still in season to be of great service to Dr. Livingstone and our explorer in expediting their return; for, difficult as it is for the hardest winter traveler to get into Africa as far as Lake Tanganyika, we know, from the case of Livingstone, that it is still more difficult to get back from that point to the coast. In this view, and from every consideration in behalf of humanity, science and civilization, we hope that this projected English expedition will be despatched without needless delay. We shall have no objection to divide with it the honors of the restoration of Dr. Livingstone to the civilized world; but our English friends must be active in the matter or they may be too late to share in the credit of this achievement.

WHAT OF THE SIX HUNDRED MILLIONS?—Various rumors are afloat concerning the reported offer of the Rothschilds to take, in connection with Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., six hundred millions of the new loan, as it is called, or the new reduced bonds of the United States. It would be gratifying to know that the Rothschilds were disposed to take such a large amount of our securities, and we have no doubt they could do so very well and realize a handsome profit. One report in Wall Street has it that they want one per cent commission and a bonus of a year's interest, which would, for six hundred millions, amount to over thirty millions of dollars. Extravagant as such a proposition may seem, it is in keeping with the grasping cupidity of the Syndicate Treasury Ring and with Mr. Boutwell's way of doing business. On the other hand, it is said the Rothschilds only ask that the interest be made payable in Europe, a measure highly unpopular with Congress and the public.

TURK NEWS FROM MEXICO.—According to our special despatch from Matamoros, confirms the flight of the Presidential Pretender Diaz from Oaxaca, and his pursuit by the government troops under General Rocha. This apparent victory of Juarez's government is, however, more than counterbalanced by the defection of several military leaders and the pronouncement of the Governor of San Luis, who is preparing to join, or has already joined, the revolutionists. General Cortina, like a true Mexican chief, is "in the market," and, although commanding a body of government troops, offers no resistance to the revolutionists, waiting to cast in his lot with whichever side the main chance lies.

THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS has been most heartily welcomed by the inhabitants of all the Western cities he has visited. The immense crowds gathered at every station where the ducal train halted, the enthusiasm exhibited wherever he lands, the blocking up of the streets which it is known he will pass through, and the grand and imposing preparations made for his reception at the hotels, are evidence conclusive enough that the presence of the distinguished traveler is highly agreeable. His reception at St. Louis yesterday, as set forth in our despatch, was only another to be added to the number we have before published.

BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY has been proclaimed over the African territory which was recently annexed to the colonial possessions of the Crown at the Cape of Good Hope. Governor Brand protests. The Boers will, no doubt, hold an indignation meeting.

Personal Intelligence.

Captain W. D. Whiting, of the United States Army, is quartered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Colonel T. B. Jordan, of Boston, is stopping at the Grand Central Hotel. Captain Michaelis, of the United States Army, has arrived at the Olney House. Ex-Congressman D. K. McCarthy, of Syracuse, is among the sojourners at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. E. B. Boccia, an attaché of the French Legation at Rio Janeiro, is sojourning at the Irving House. J. B. Chaffee, Congressional Delegate from Colorado, is domiciled at the St. Nicholas Hotel. General Benjamin P. Butler yesterday arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he remains. Colonel James H. Howe, General Manager of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, is sojourning at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Congressman John Rogers, of Black Rock, arrived at the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday morning. He left for Washington in the evening. Speaker James G. Blaine, with his family, reached the city yesterday morning. He remained for a short time at the Hoffman House, and then went on to Washington.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6, 1872. The city election at Cincinnati, Ky., today resulted in the election of seven democrats out of nine Councilmen.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

Herald Special Report from London.

England's Opinion of the Herald's Expedition to Africa.

British Government Duty, the Sympathy of the Scientists and Private Enterprise Overshadowed from America.

An English Expedition Likely to Start.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. The following special despatch to the HERALD has been received from our correspondent in the capital of Great Britain:—

LONDON, Jan. 6, 1872. The news of the progress of the HERALD's Livingstone search expedition in Africa has produced an intense sensation in England.

The publication of the advices stimulates the movement to organize an English expedition for the same purpose greatly.

Her Majesty's government having already refused to aid the project officially, the members of the Royal Geographical Society now appeal to the British people for assistance, pointing out what has been accomplished by the HERALD as an encouragement.

The Telegraph newspaper refers to the subject in a special editorial. The writer says:—"The national honor is at stake. When we see the private enterprise of foreigners daring and suffering in a cause which is so peculiarly our own we shall be put to the blush if Englishmen do not come freely forward to help the new expedition."

PROBABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT. Great efforts will be made by the parties who have interested themselves in the project to start an English search expedition for Africa during the present month.

AFRICA.

Proclamation of British Sovereignty in the Annexed Territory.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LONDON, Jan. 6, 1872. British sovereignty has been proclaimed over that portion of the African territory which was recently annexed to the colonial possessions of Great Britain at the Cape.

Mr. Brand, President of the Free States, has issued a formal protest against the act of annexation.

ENGLAND.

Exposition of the Policy Toward Ireland and the Irish Schools—Severe and Destructive Thunder Storm—Death of a Well Known Workman.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LONDON, Jan. 6, 1872.

The Marquis of Hartington, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in an address to his constituents at Radnor, treated on Irish affairs at considerable length. He declared that "the government must be firm in repressing rebellion in Ireland, and should set its face against leaving education in the hands of the priesthood."

VIOLENT THUNDER STORM. A terrific thunder storm visited Portsmouth and vicinity last night. Hail fell to a depth of two inches. The glass in nearly all the windows of the city which were exposed to the storm was destroyed.

DEATH OF AN EMINENT WORKMAN. Joseph Gillott, the steel pen manufacturer, is dead.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Convalescent Improvement Steady and Continuous.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LONDON, Jan. 6, 1872. The bulletins from Sandringham for the last three days show steady and satisfactory improvement in the condition of the Prince of Wales.

SPAIN.

The Captain Generalship of Cuba and Embassy to the United States—The Appointments Gazetted—King Amadeus and Prim's Funeral Memorial.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. MADRID, Jan. 6, 1872.

The following appointments are at last officially announced:—

Don Jose Concha, Marquis of Havana, to be Captain General of the Island of Cuba. Admiral Pilo de Barnabé to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain to the United States.

CABINET AFFIRMATION. It was decided at the Cabinet meeting of Tuesday last to convene the Cortes on the 21st inst.

The appointments to Washington and Cuba, announced in a previous despatch, were affirmed during the same Council.

PRIM'S FUNERAL MEMORIAL. The memorial funeral services in honor of Marshal Prim were celebrated yesterday. King Amadeus attended in person. Señors Sagasta and Zorrilla were not present.

FRANCE.

Government Prosecution of a "Patriotic" Assassin.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. PARIS, Jan. 6, 1872.

The prosecution of a man named Cremer for shooting a grocer of Dijon, because he was suspected to be a Prussian spy, has been commenced.

ROUMANIA.

The Railway Question Difficultly Settled.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. BUCHAREST, Jan. 6, 1872. The Senate has approved without amendment the convention for the settlement of the railway question by a vote of thirty-one to six.

FRANCE.

Herald Special Report from London.

Napoleon's Opinion of Thiers' Position and the Prospects of Imperialism.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The following special despatch to the HERALD has been received from our correspondent in the capital of Great Britain:—

LONDON, Jan. 6, 1872. The ex-Emperor Napoleon referred to the condition of government affairs in France during his reception of visitors at Chislehurst on New Year's Day.

His Majesty said that he would give President Thiers a six months' tenure of office. Gambetta would be in his place by that time, and the change may be favorable to the imperial cause.

THE WAR IN MEXICO.

Herald Special Report from Matamoros.

DIAZ'S FLIGHT FROM OAXACA.

The Governor of San Luis in Rebellion Against Juarez.

CORTINA'S DOUBLE GAME.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The HERALD correspondent at Matamoros has forwarded us the following special despatch:—

MATAMOROS, Mexico, Jan. 5, 1872. Via BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Jan. 5, 1872. A courier from the city of Mexico, which dates up to December 24, reports that General Porfirio Diaz, the head of the insurrection, has abandoned the city of Oaxaca, having only four hundred men of all arms under his command. General Rocho, with a large body of government troops, has been sent against him. Diaz is hastily retreating, while Rocho is in hot pursuit of him.

ANOTHER PRONUNCIAMIENTO.

A HERALD courier has arrived from Monterey, bringing news up to December 2. Governor Leon, of San Luis Potosi, has pronounced against the government and is preparing to join the revolutionists with his force. He has about eight hundred men at his disposal. The insurgent Commander Quiroga is holding the town of Mier with 450 men. General Perdo is the chief and General Hinojosa the second in command of the revolutionists in the State of Tamaulipas.

CORTINA STILL INTRIGUING. General Cortina, commanding a considerable body of government troops, is in Camargo, ostensibly awaiting the attack of the revolutionists, but really, it is said, intriguing with them; but neither the government nor the revolutionists trust him.

BELGIUM.

The Struggle Between Labor and Capital and Inauguration of a Trade Strike—Turbulent Action and Troops Marching for the Scene.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 6, 1872. Despatches from Namur report that the workmen of Belgaux and Vezin have struck work for higher wages and for a reduction of the hours of labor.

There has been much turbulence and disorder since the strike commenced. The gendarmes have been stoned, and some of them seriously injured. The civil authorities, finding themselves unable to preserve order, have sent in troops. Similar labor troubles are imminent at Charleroi, and, as a precautionary measure, companies of cavalry will be despatched thither forthwith.

SINKING OF A STEAMER.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 6, 1872. Late last night, while the steamer Samuel J. Hale was descending the falls, she struck on the rocks, knocking a hole in her bottom, and she now lies badly wrecked. The freight in the hold and on the lower part of the main deck is badly damaged, and it is feared there will be much difficulty in raising her. Her cargo consisted of 3,000 barrels of flour, 200 tons of hay, 500 barrels of apples and a large amount of potatoes, onions, furniture, wagons, &c.

The vessel was owned by Thompson Dean, Sam J. Hale and Captain William Hamilton, her commander. She was partially covered by insurance in Cincinnati companies.

THE VIRGINIA FUNDING BILL.

Tactics of the Speaker of the House to Upset the Vote Staying the Funding of the State Debt.

RICHMOND, Jan. 6, 1872. In the House to-day the Speaker announced the special committee on the public debt question, the majority of which committee consists of men who favor the funding bill, who are a minority in the House.

This action of the Speaker has excited much indignation. Another concurrent resolution was adopted providing for the addition of three members to the committee, to be elected by the House. The good feeling of yesterday in regard to an early settlement of the question has been destroyed, and more complications are daily arising.

THE ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEES.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1872. Mr. A. B. Cornell, chairman of the State Central Committee, arrived here to-night from New York. Soon after arriving at the Delavan House he left in company with Postmaster Smith, of Albany. It is supposed that Mr. Cornell visits Albany to advise with Speaker Smith on the subject of the committee of the Assembly. His knowledge of men is selected by the speaker as a valuable aid in selecting the best members for the committee.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.—LONDON, Jan. 6, 2 P. M.—Consols closed at 102½ for money and 102½ for the account. United States five-twenty bonds, 1867, 91, 1867, old, 102½; 1867, new, 102½; 1867, new, 102½. Rates closed at 102½ for money.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—LIVERPOOL, Jan. 6, 1 P. M.—The cotton market is active and firm, and prices have advanced a fraction. Middling uplands, 10½d; middling Orleans, 10½d; good Orleans, 10½d; extra Orleans, 10½d; including 1000 for speculation and export. Sales of 1000 bales of raw cotton for January and February have been made at 10½d for middling.

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THE WAR CLOUD.

Great Activity in the Navy Department.

The War Ships Wyoming, Worcester, Powhatan, and the Iron-Clads Canonicus and Mahopac Being Got Ready for Immediate Service.

Secretary Robeson and the Spanish Navy in Cuban Waters.

The Chief Engineers to Inspect and Report on the Coast and Harbor Defences.

Rumor of Cubans Firing at an American Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6, 1872. The Navy Department is ordering repairs and equipments to all the war vessels. Secretary Robeson is looking to Cuba-Iron-Clads and the North Atlantic Fleet to be Pressed Into Service.

One would be led to believe from the sober conversation of the heads of departments that the unusual activity at the Navy Department is only occasioned by routine matters. The Secretary of the Navy, in explanation of the orders relative to the monitors Canonicus, at Philadelphia, and Mahopac, at the Washington Navy Yard, says they are merely ordered into commission to relieve other vessels now on stations—only this and nothing more. When asked what particular service the lubberly monitors could do, he remarked that all of them needed overhauling in order to keep them from rusting out. He is authority for the statement that not a word has been heard from Captain Potter, commanding the Shawmut, and the denial created in this source concerning the peaceful exit of the Florida from St. Thomas has not reached the Navy Department. When asked what use there would be in sending monitors into Cuban waters when every Spanish officer from Admiral Polo down looked upon with contempt, he said, "I have no objection to change of mind before long. Yet everything is peaceful and the American eagle has not discerned the silent and secret workings of the Navy Department. The Spanish naval officers are not alone in their opinion of our navy. The best naval officers in the service agree in the main with Admiral Polo's views. Our superiority consists in the personnel of the navy rather than in the number of our guns. The Spanish navy in Cuban waters to-day exceeds in the number of guns carried by all the available vessels of the American navy over two hundred. During the coming week the Worcester, of sixteen guns; Wyoming, of six guns, and the Powhatan, of seventeen guns, together with the monitors Canonicus and Mahopac, will be ready to proceed to Cuban waters. The Canandaigua, of ten guns, will be ready for inspection by the middle of the month. The Ironclad, of ten guns, at New York, will be ready for sea, with extra force at the New York Navy Yard, in less than thirty days, and the Hartford in sixty days. The Powhatan and the Frolic, also a sidewheel sloop, carrying the same battery, will be ready for sea by Thursday next. The service on these vessels is exceedingly distasteful to most officers. A number who have been detailed have asked for other service, but Secretary Robeson will make no change. Very unfavorable comment is made on Admiral Lee, the Flag Officer of the North Atlantic Squadron, who has been at home ever since the Grand Duke Alexis arrived. It will be remembered that his flagship, the Severn, was ordered to New York to meet the Russian Prince and arrived there early in September. Naval officers declare that they should regard the sending of Captain Davenport, with the Congress to do the important duty of bringing out the Hornet, when the Admiral himself should have been entrusted with its execution, as a snub direct to that officer. The utmost activity prevails at the Washington Navy Yard. The mechanics and laborers are being put on in relays, and thus working two days in one. The greatest care is being taken in fitting the Mahopac and Frolic, both vessels being provided throughout with new equipments, and the very best of their class. Artificers long employed at the yard state that no vessels have ever been sent from this shipyard as thoroughly prepared for sea as these.

THE HARBORS AND COAST DEFENCES TO BE IMPROVED. General J. G. Barnard, Quincy A. Gilmore, H. G. Wright, Z. H. Tower and George W. Cullum, comprising the Engineer Board on Fortifications, were summoned to this city by telegraph on Thursday from New York and reached here yesterday. General Abbot, Chief of the Experimental Torpedo Service at Willet's Point, was also ordered to repair to Washington. The Board held a long conference yesterday under the presidency of General Humphreys, Chief of the Corps of Engineers, and separated for the purpose of personally inspecting the sea coast defenses on the Atlantic and the Gulf, and reporting what is necessary to be done to put them in immediate readiness for service. The capability of the harbors defended by the forts for further defence by obstructions and torpedoes is also to be ascertained by these distinguished engineers, and it is expected that a report appropriate for the torpedoes will be asked for from Congress at once. The Austrian torpedo system is the favorite with our officers, and an extensive knowledge of this new arm of defence has already been acquired by observation in Europe, correspondence with European governments and experiments conducted at Willet's Point by the battalion of engineers.

RUMOR THAT AN AMERICAN VESSEL WAS FIRED INTO FROM MORRO CASTLE, HAVANA. An improbable story was circulated to-day to the effect that one of our vessels had been fired into from Morro Castle, Havana. It caused some excitement, but no information has been received in any quarter up to one o'clock to-day showing that anything had taken place in relation to such a rumor. Gentlemen in high official positions there say there is no cause whatever to excite alarm in the public mind relative to Spain, as the preparations of the navy are only in the usual course of business.

Activity in the Philadelphia Navy Yard—Repairing the Iron-Clads. [From the Philadelphia Ledger, Jan. 6.] Matters are quite quiet now at the Navy Yard. The force of men have been increased by an addition of about three hundred, and all are actively engaged in running out the two iron-wooden vessels, Powhatan and Richmond, which have been undergoing repairs for some time past.

The iron-clad recently ordered by the government to be got ready for sea. The Powhatan is now on the stocks and will be put in the water to-day. She is a sidewheel frigate of the second rate, 2,182 tons, and carrying seventeen guns. She has been thoroughly overhauled and rebuilt and will be ready to run by the end of the month. The steam screw frigate Richmond, 2,000 tons, carrying twenty-two nine inch guns, has also been put in first class sea-going order and will be ready to accompany the Powhatan. The monitors Canonicus, Ajax, Saugus, Wyandott and Manhattan, new League Island, and have also been ordered to be overhauled and placed in commission. They are all single turreted monitors of the fourth class, 550 tons burthen and each one carrying two 15-inch rifles. The Canonicus was towed up to the wharf at the Navy Yard yesterday. She will be ready for sea in twenty days.

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